Council Proceedings—Publication of.

369. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the dates on which the daily reports of the last budget session as also of the first meeting of the current Legislative Session of the Legislative Council were sent from the Council Office for printing;

(b) the dates on which the aforesaid reports were published;

(c) what steps were taken by the Government to publish the Council reports without delay;

(d) the dates on which the above steps were taken?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—

Budget Session.

(a) Date of meeting.	Date on which reports were sent to the Press.
30—7—1934	1st October 1934
31—7— ,,	
1—8— ,,	2nd October 1934
2—8— ,,	5th ,, ,,
3—8— ,,	6th ,, ,,
4—8— ,,	9th ,, ,,
6—8— ,,	13th ,, ,,
7—8— ,,	25th ,, ,,
8—8— ,,	31st ,, ,,
9—8— ,,	7th November ,,
10—8— ,,	6th December ,,
11—8— ,,	do

Current Legislative Session.

The proceedings of the first meeting have not been sent to the Press yet.

(b) 1st day's proceeding was published on 4—3—1110/20—10—1934

2nd	..	11—3— ,,	/27—10— ,,
3rd	..	18—3— ,,	/ 3—11— ,,
4th	..	24—3— ,,	/ 9—11— ,,
5th	..	2—4— ,,	/17—11— ,,
6th	..	9—4— ,,	/24—11— ,,
7th	..	25—4— ,,	/10—12— ,,
8th	..	26—4— ,,	/11—12— ,,
9th	..	12—5— ,,	/25—12— ,,
10th	..	12—5— ,,	/27—12— ,,
11th	..	9—6— ,,	/22— 1—35
12th	..	29—6— ,,	/11— 2— ,,

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(c) & (d). i. One main cause for the delay in the publication of the proceedings is the unduly long time taken by the Hon'ble Members themselves to return the manuscripts of their speeches duly revised. The following steps have been taken to minimise it as far as possible.

1. Formerly the transcripts of speeches used to be sent to the Members for the purpose of revision, only a week or two after the meeting. Now special arrangements have been made to hand over the manuscripts to the Hon'ble Members within 24 hours from the time speeches are delivered.

2. The number of Malayalam speeches having increased lately, one more Malayalam Short-hand Reporter is drafted for work during the Council days.

3. Special care is taken to select the best hands available to report the English speeches. The Short-hand Reporters of the Judges of the Chief Court are also engaged at present. All the Reporters are ordered to practice for a certain number of hours every day before the commencement of the meeting.

4. A proposal to appoint a Head Reporter and three other Reporters with previous experience and high attainments in speed, is now engaging the attention of the Government.

5. Repeated reminders are generally sent to those Members who take an unduly long time to return the manuscripts revised. There are however instances of the manuscripts being never returned at all.

ii. Another cause for the delay has been the heavy work in the Government Press and the consequent difficulty of getting the papers printed expeditiously. To get over this difficulty the services of the private presses have begun to be engaged.

Hours of work in Factories.

370. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question No. 312 regarding wages, will the Government show in a tabular form, the hours of work prevalent in each institution?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— A statement showing the hours of work prevailing in 96 of 106 registered Factories in the State is appended. *(Vide Appendix IV.)* Some of the registered Factories are not working now, and the working hours with regard to them are not given.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government promise in the last meeting that an amended factory Regulation will be introduced in this Council.

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